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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 3A to 3C present process diagrams for explaining the caulking mode of the caulked portion of Fig. 1;